

THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY

A welcoming Episcopal community

EVENSONG

January 29, 2023 • 5:00 pm

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY

We are blessed because of your presence here this evening, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this evening. Your presence is a gift, and we invite you into the beauty and holy stillness of this service to know God's peace. This service bulletin contains the readings, prayers, and hymns. The hymns can also be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in the pew rack in front of you. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired. If you would like assistance with a wheelchair or walker, please see an usher.

Evensong is the most particularly Anglican service in all of Christian worship. Originating from monastic hours, it consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline — the *Magnificat*, the canticle appointed for Vespers and the *Nunc dimittis* for Compline. The choir traditionally offers certain portions so that our devotions may be enhanced by music, while the congregation joins in the hymns and the Creed. During the last century, Evensong as a service has emerged as a liturgy of rare and mystical beauty in which the Word is illuminated by music.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BuxWV 145

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180

Dietrich Buxtehude

Notte di maggio – Mainacht (2001)

Barbara Heller (b. 1936)

Louise Mundinger, organist

All stand for the

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How bright appears the Morning Star

The Hymnal 1982 #497

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right-eous Branch, O Jes-se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a - In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es: phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture; Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly, Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us. thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion. Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811 – 1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556 – 1608)

Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556 – 1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

THE INVITATORY AND THE PSALTER

All remain standing for the

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant and choir sing

THE PRECES

Philip Radcliffe (1905 – 1986)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

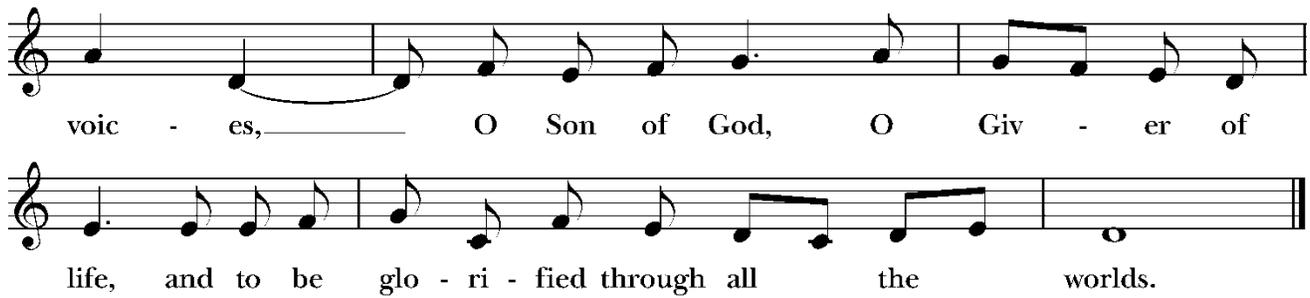
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

All remain standing to sing

PHOS HILARON O gracious Light

The Hymnal 1982 #S-61

1. O gra - cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev - er - liv - ing
Fa - ther in heaven, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and
bless - ed! 2. Now as we come to the set - ting of the
sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your
prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.
3. You are wor - thy at all times to be praised by hap - py



All are seated while the choir sings

PSALM 84

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848 – 1918)

- ¹ O how amiable are thy dwellings, *
thou LORD of hosts!
- ² My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ³ Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; *
even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; *
they will be always praising thee.
- ⁵ Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; *
in whose heart are thy ways.
- ⁶ Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; *
and the pools are filled with water.
- ⁷ They will go from strength to strength, *
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Behold, O God our defender, *
and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- ¹⁰ For one day in thy courts *
is better than a thousand.
- ¹¹ I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, *
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- ¹² For the LORD God is a light and defence; *
the LORD will give grace and worship;
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
- ¹³ O LORD God of hosts, *
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:9-16

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over? So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. I, I am he who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die, a human being who fades like grass? You have forgotten the Lord, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. You fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction. But where is the fury of the oppressor? The oppressed shall speedily be released; they shall not die and go down to the Pit, nor shall they lack bread. For I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the Lord of hosts is his name. I have put my words in your mouth, and hidden you in the shadow of my hand, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, “You are my people.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand while the choir sings the

MAGNIFICAT IN C

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 –1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,
for he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed;
for he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All are seated for

THE SECOND LESSON

John 7:14-31

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to John.

About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, "How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?" Then Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him. "Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?" The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the sabbath? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from." Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, "When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand while the choir sings the

NUNC DIMITTIS IN C

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 –1924)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All remain standing and sing

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

VERSICLES

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

All kneel or remain standing.

KYRIE

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung by the choir)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor O Lord, save the State.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Cantor sings the

COLLECTS

The first Collect, for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

The second Collect, for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir Amen.

The third Collect, a prayer for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Choir Amen.

All are seated while the choir sings the

ANTHEM Light of the World (from *The Light of Life*)

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

Light of the world, we know thy praise,
the angels and archangels raise,
and all the host of heaven;
more worthily than our faint hymns,
whose jarring sound that glory dims,
which God to thee has given.
But thou didst not disdain to take
our low estate, or e'en to make
the tomb thy resting place;
so thou might bring into our night
the dawn of thine eternal light
to shine upon our face.
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin is Lord,
but thou, O Son of God.
Thy word is now our sovereign law.
Therefore we thank thee, and we pray
thy light may shine unto the perfect day;
thy light may shine on us for evermore.

Edward Capel-Cure (1828 – 1890)

All stand to say together the

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

All remain standing to sing the

HYMN Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation

The Hymnal 1982 #34



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895 – 1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (1930 – 2016)

Music: *Mighty Savior*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

All remain standing for

THE BLESSING AND THE GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

The people remain standing as the ministers depart, and may then be seated for the remainder of the postlude.

THE POSTLUDE Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais (1907 – 1991)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPIPHANY 101: INTRO TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sundays, February 5 and February 12, join Rev. Nick in the Chapel at 9:00 am for this two-part series designed for inquirers and those interested in knowing more about the Episcopal Church and the life and ministry of the Parish of the Epiphany. For more details, contact Rev. Nick.

EPIPHANY NEWCOMER SOCIAL HOUR: FEBRUARY 12 AT 4:00 PM

On Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 pm, we invite any newcomers to a social hour in Rev. Nick Myers' office. This will be an opportunity to meet Rev. Nick and Rev. Janelle, members of Epiphany's staff, our vestry leaders, members of the Welcome Ministry, as well as others that are relatively new to the parish. We would love for you to gather with us for an hour of conversation and fellowship! If you are planning to attend, kindly let Jim Bracciale know at jimbracciale@hotmail.com. Please know you're welcome whether you RSVP or not.

NATE RAMSAYER VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT: FEBRUARY 12 AT 5:00 PM

Treat your sweet to an early Valentine's Day offering by vocalist Nate Ramsayer, who offers a program of jazz, Broadway, and pop favorites. Paired with a modest offering of chocolates and champagne, this promises to be an enjoyable mid-winter treat! Admission is free, but advanced reservations are recommended to ensure there is adequate chocolate and champagne. Reserve seats by contacting 781-729-1922 or office@3crowns.org.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Janelle Hiroshige, *Officiant* ✨ Martin Cowley, *Cantor*
Jeremy Bruns, *Director of Music and Organist* ✨ The Parish Choir
Jason Kinchen, *Vergers* ✨ Kathy Bruns and Reid Boswell, *Lectors*
Reid Boswell, *Usher* ✨ Carol Hollingshead, *Greeter*
Richard Goldhor, *Audio Engineer* ✨ Joan O'Connor, *Video Engineer*
Gabrielle Stott, *Altar Guild* ✨ Brenda Cook, *Altar Flowers*

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